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1. UNDERSEC FOR OIL AFFAIRS ALI KHALIFA CALLED ME ON HIS RETURN KUWAIT FROM VIENNA SEPT 17 TO SAY HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER OF TIMING FOR FOLLOW-UP ON US-KUWAITI DIALOGUE ON ENERGY (REF A) WITH MIN FINANCE AND OIL ATEEQI. ALI KHALIFA SAID THAT SINCE HE AND ATEEQI TOOK DIALOGUE WITH US ON ENERGY SERIOUSLY, AND SINCE HE HAD NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME AS YET STUDY VARIOUS MATERIALS LEFT HERE IN JULY BY TREASURY OFFICIALS, HE WOULD PREFER THAT MCCULLOUGH/SCHOTTA VISIT TO KUWAIT TAKE PLACE AROUND END OF OCTOBER.

2. COMMENT: TOP KUWAITI MINFINANCE AND OIL OFFICIALS HAVE INDEED BEEN FAIRLY WELL PREOCCUPIED WITH VIENNA MEETING AND
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BUY BACK TALKS WITH GULF/BP IN RECENT WEEKS. WITH MONTH OF

RAMADAN NOW UNDERWAY, BELIEVE END OF OCTOBER MORE REALISTIC
THAN FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH FOR VISIT OF TREASURY OFFICIALS.
WE ALSO HOPE THAT IN NEXT STAGE US-KUWAITI DIALOGUE ON ENERGY
CAN BE EXPANDED BEYOND ECONOMIC THEORY FOR MAXIMIZING PROFITS
IN OIL PRODUCTION TO FRUITFUL EXCHANGE ON ECONOMICS OF ALTER-
NATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND PERHAPS OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS.
ANY FURTHER EMBASSY VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE EXPANSION USG/GOK
DIALOGUE AT PROPOSED MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED FOLLOWING
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH GOK OFFICIALS.
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